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Development

We must work together to unleash human productivity, to reduce poverty, to promote healthy environments and foster... sustainable growth...

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Democracy

The Department of State has a variety of programs to bring to or strengthen democracy in countries making the transition from totalitarian or authoritarian rule. Electoral monitoring, development of political parties and organizational assistance is provided directly or indirectly through partners such as the National Endowment for Democracy.

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Rule of Law

Good policing and fair, efficient systems of justice provide the underpinning for a society that can guarantee due process and equal justice under the law for all its citizens. The Department of State provides training for mid-level police through International Law Enforcement Academies in Gabarone, Budapest and Bangkok. U.S. Civilian Police (Civ/Pol) participate in many peacekeeping missions and provide police training and other assistance in transitional societies.

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Good Governance

Department of State programs contribute to good governance by helping combat corruption, helping governments operate transparently so that citizens and foreign investors can understand regulations and laws, and helping governments educate their young citizens about civic responsibility. Good governance encourages investment and builds respect for the environment.

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